

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: Dec. 15, 2001**

Trade sentiment was firm on wings, balance about steady. Demand was light to moderate, due in part to holiday shoppers. Offerings were usually more than sufficient for trade needs on breast items. Wings were about adequate and clearing. Other items ranged adequate to available. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

	FOOD SERVICE/ <u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	16,831	18,672	25,932	61,435
Percentage	27%	30%	42%	99%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,805	6.19
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	4,683	7.62
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	3,680	5.99
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	4,663	7.59
		16,831	27.39

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Oct 27	166,817	104	146,377	105	183,544	102	146,273	101	156,675	100
Nov 03	174,273	104	140,604	103	184,175	103	148,344	104	155,524	99
Nov 10	180,836	102	135,162	103	181,704	103	145,764	103	154,526	99
Nov 17	179,415	101	132,136	103	175,886	104	141,621	103	152,275	99
Nov 24	180,425	100	139,149	103	173,195	103	138,455	102	113,595	75
Dec 01	187,929	104	145,361	101	176,909	105	143,526	106	157,112	138
Dec 08	180,514	102	147,514	103	178,847	102	144,960	103	156,932	100
Dec 15	184,558	103	146,869	101	182,375	104	* 146,393*	105	154,764	99
Dec 22	186,251	104	151,859	105	175,076	103	140,746	103	159,450	103

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 12/24/01

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	47.57	46.91	49.29
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	48.36	47.72	51.30
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	65.65	65.43	63.43
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	55.66	55.85	57.17
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	60.86	61.52	60.36
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	40.65	40.41	30.05

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 12/28/01</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 12/28/01</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 12/31/01</u>
Breast - B/S	119.20	122.02	126.50
Tenderloins	105.68	126.65	180.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	46.13	58.98	54.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	24.92	21.62	27.50
Wings	93.42	86.89	86.00